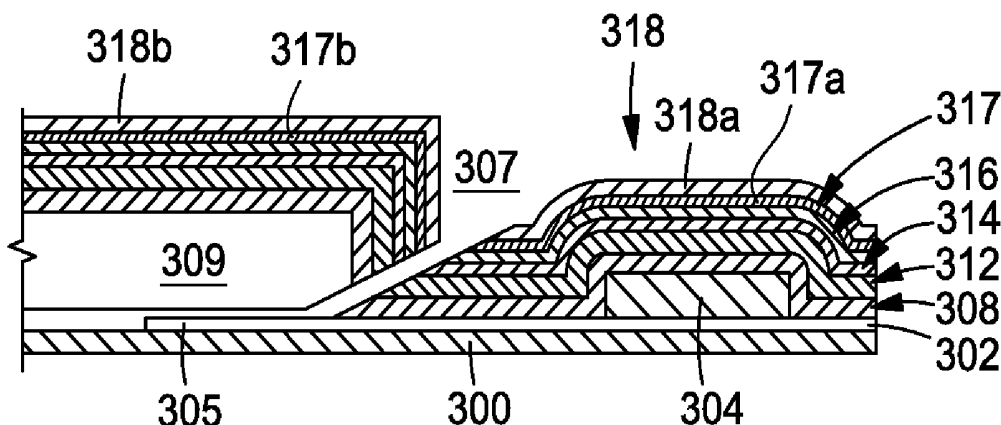




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Methods for forming an OLED device are described. An encapsulation structure having organic buffer layer and an interface layer disposed on the organic buffer layer sandwiched between barrier layers is deposited over an OLED structure. In one example, the method includes depositing a first barrier layer on a region of a substrate having an OLED structure disposed thereon, depositing a buffer layer with a fluorine-containing plasma formed from a first gas mixture containing a polymer gas precursor and a fluorine containing gas on the first barrier layer, depositing an interface layer on the buffer layer with a second gas mixture containing the polymer gas precursor, and depositing a second barrier layer on the interface layer.



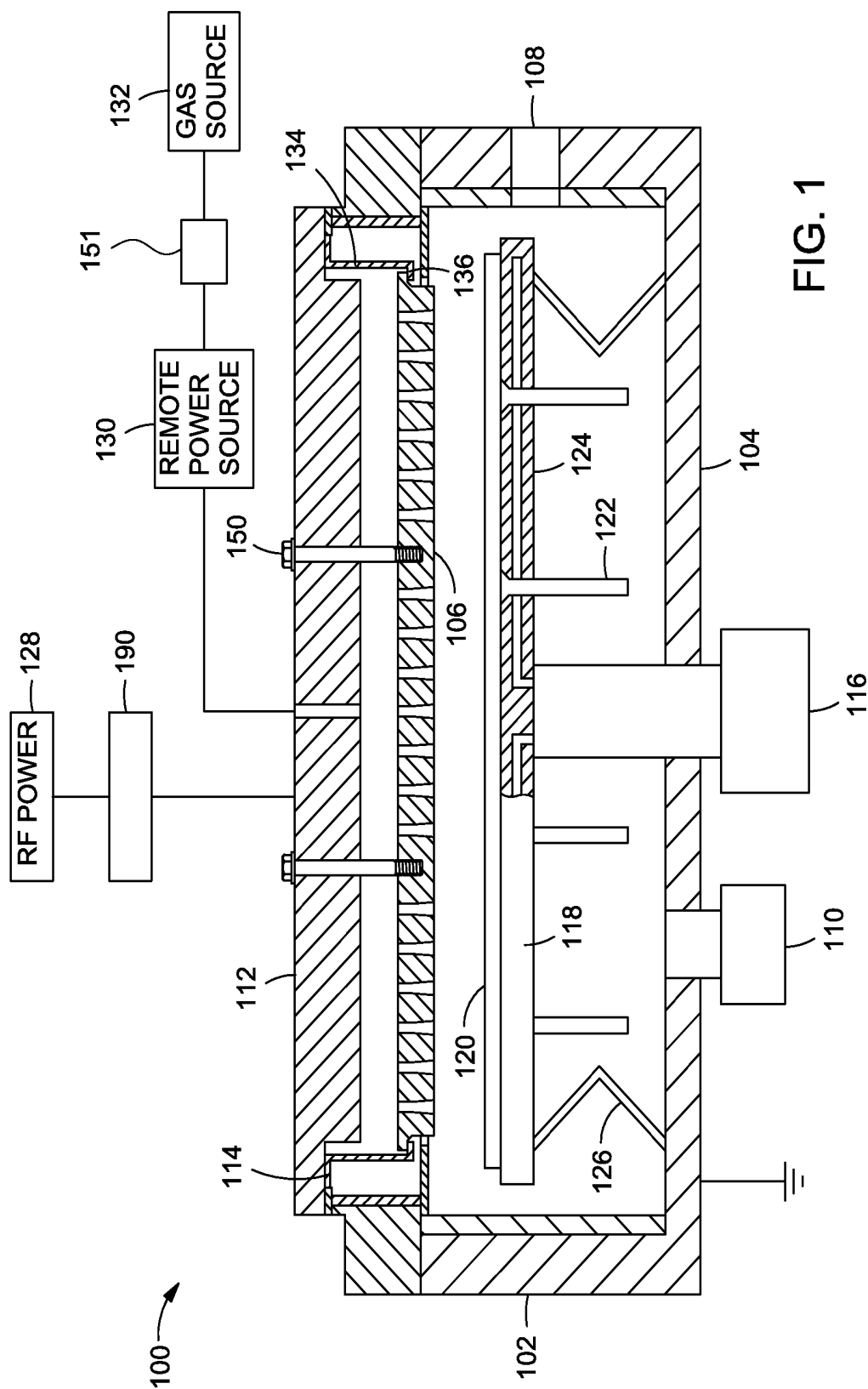


FIG. 1

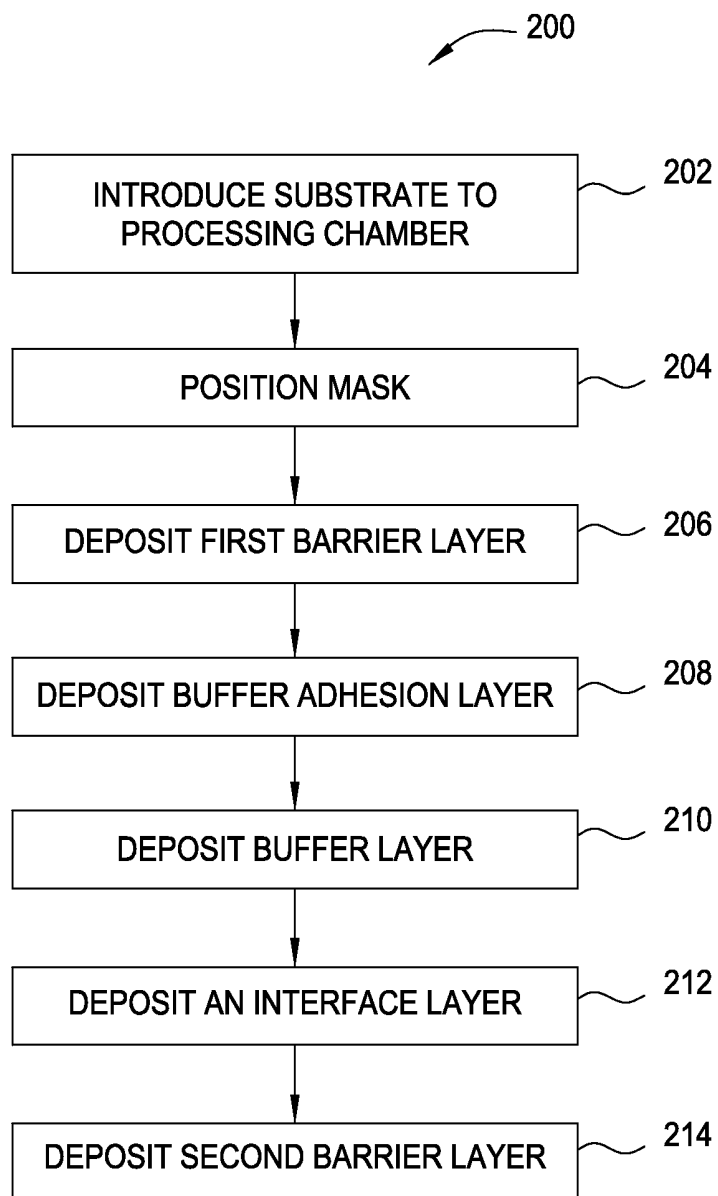


FIG. 2

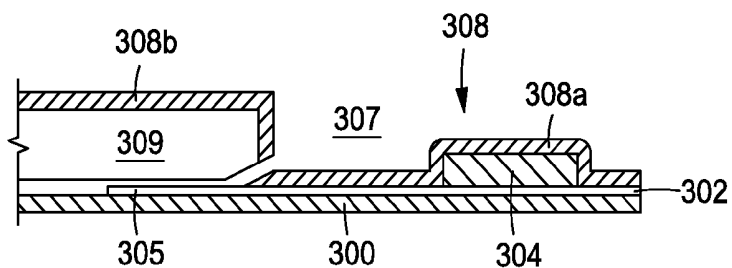


FIG. 3A

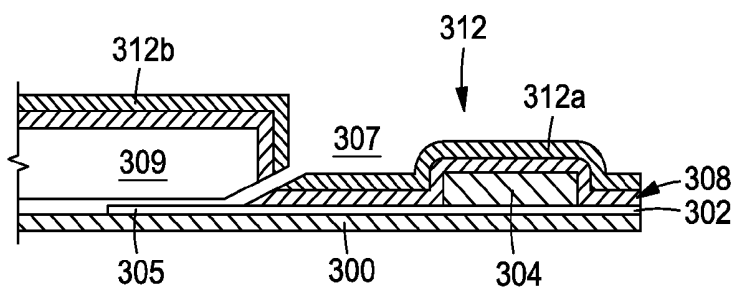


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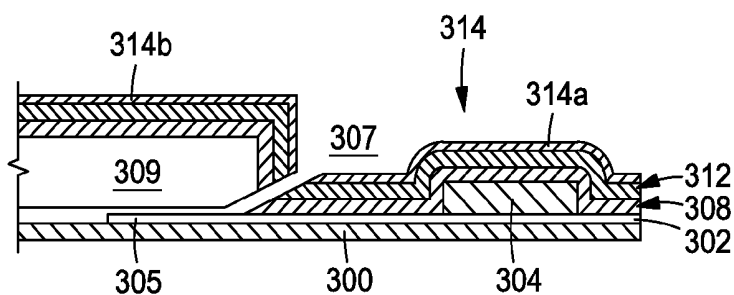


FIG. 3C

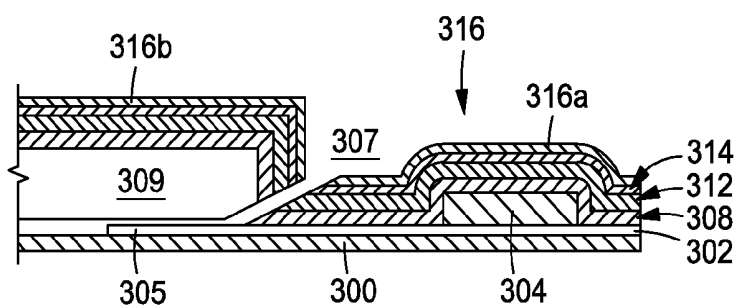


FIG. 3D

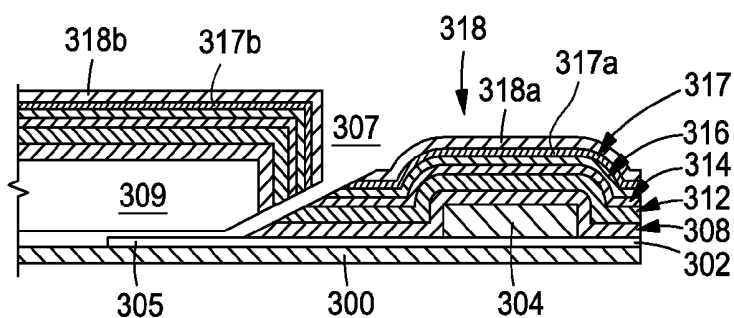


FIG. 3E

AFLUORINE-CONTAINING POLYMERIZED HMDSO APPLICATIONS FOR OLED THIN FILM ENCAPSULATION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 62/020,955 filed Jul. 3, 2014 (Attorney Docket No. APPM/22021L), which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND

[0002] 1. Field

[0003] Embodiments of the disclosure generally relate to a method and apparatus for encapsulating an organic light emitting diode (OLED).

[0004] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0005] An OLED is used in the manufacture of television screens, computer monitors, mobile phones, other hand-held devices, etc. for displaying information. OLED displays have gained significant interest recently in display applications due to their faster response time, larger viewing angles, higher contrast, lighter weight, low power and amenability to flexible substrates such as compared to liquid crystal displays (LCD).

[0006] OLED structures may have a limited lifetime, characterized by a decrease in electroluminescence efficiency and an increase in drive voltage. A main reason for the degradation of OLED structures is the formation of non-emissive dark spots due to moisture or oxygen ingress. For this reason, OLED structures are typically encapsulated by a buffer layer sandwiched between barrier layers. The buffer layer is utilized to fill any voids or defects in the first barrier layer such that the second barrier layer has a substantially uniform surface for deposition. However, some of the materials utilized to form the buffer layer undesirably generate bubbles at the interface where the barrier layer is in contact with the second barrier layer. Bubbles formed at the interface may adversely be detrimental to the film stack adhesion, thus eventually leading to poor device performance and device failure.

[0007] Therefore, an improved method and apparatus for encapsulating an OLED structure is needed.

SUMMARY

[0008] Methods for forming an OLED device are described. An encapsulation structure including an interface layer formed on a buffer layer sandwiched between barrier layers for an OLED structure are provided. The buffer layer is formed with a fluorine-containing plasma with the interface layer disposed thereon to eliminate bubble formation while forming the barrier layer and the interface layer. The second barrier layer is then deposited over interface layer. Additionally, to ensure good adhesion, a buffer adhesion layer may be optionally formed between the buffer layer and the first barrier layer.

[0009] In one embodiment, a method for forming an encapsulating structure on an OLED device includes depositing a first barrier layer on a region of a substrate having an OLED structure disposed thereon, depositing a buffer layer with a fluorine-containing plasma formed from a first gas mixture containing a polymer gas precursor and a fluorine containing gas on the first barrier layer, depositing an interface layer on

the buffer layer with a second gas mixture containing the polymer gas precursor, and depositing a second barrier layer on the interface layer.

[0010] In another embodiment, an OLED device includes a first barrier layer disposed on a region of a substrate having an OLED structure disposed thereon, a fluorinated buffer layer including a polymer material containing fluorine disposed on the first barrier layer, an interface layer including the polymer material on the fluorinated buffer layer, and a second barrier layer disposed on the interface layer.

[0011] In yet another embodiment, a method for forming an encapsulating structure on an OLED device includes supplying a first gas mixture including a HMDSO gas and a fluorine containing gas in a processing chamber to form a buffer layer on a region of a substrate having an OLED structure disposed thereon, and supplying a second gas mixture including the HMDSO gas without the fluorine containing gas or with a diminished flow rate of the fluorine containing gas in the same processing chamber to form an interface layer on the buffer layer.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0012] So that the manner in which the above recited features of the present disclosure can be understood in detail, a more particular description of the disclosure, briefly summarized above, may be had by reference to embodiments, some of which are illustrated in the appended drawings. It is to be noted, however, that the appended drawings illustrate only typical embodiments of this disclosure and are therefore not to be considered limiting of its scope, for the disclosure may admit to other equally effective embodiments.

[0013] FIG. 1 is a schematic, cross-sectional view of a PECVD apparatus chamber that may be used to perform the methods described herein.

[0014] FIG. 2 is a flow diagram of a method for forming an OLED device in accordance with one embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0015] FIGS. 3A-3E illustrate schematic cross-sectional views of the OLED device during different stages of the method of FIG. 2.

[0016] To facilitate understanding, identical reference numerals have been used, where possible, to designate identical elements that are common to the figures. It is contemplated that elements and features of one embodiment may be beneficially incorporated in other embodiments without further recitation.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0017] Methods for forming an OLED device are described. An encapsulation structure having buffer layer and an interface layer disposed on the buffer layer sandwiched between barrier layers is deposited over an OLED structure. The buffer layer is formed with a fluorine-containing plasma while the interface layer as formed thereon eliminates bubble formation which is likely generated during the buffer layer deposition from the fluorine-containing plasma. The second barrier layer is then deposited over the interface layer. In one example, the interface layer may be formed in the same chamber where the buffer layer is formed. The interface layer may be configured to be a fluorine concentration gradient polymer layer or a fluorine free polymer layer that has diminished

fluorine concentration gradually fading away (e.g., reduced) or without fluorine concentration formed in the interface layer.

[0018] FIG. 1 is a schematic, cross sectional view of a plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition (PECVD) apparatus that may be used to perform the operations described herein. The apparatus includes a processing chamber 100 in which one or more films may be deposited onto a substrate 120. The processing chamber 100 generally includes walls 102, a bottom 104 and a showerhead 106 which define a process volume. A substrate support 118 is disposed within the process volume. The process volume is accessed through a slit valve opening 108 such that the substrate 120 may be transferred in and out of the processing chamber 100. The substrate support 118 is coupled to an actuator 116 to raise and lower the substrate support 118. Lift pins 122 are moveably disposed through the substrate support 118 to move the substrate 120 to and from the substrate receiving surface. The substrate support 118 also includes heating and/or cooling elements 124 to maintain the substrate support 118 at a desired temperature. The substrate support 118 also includes RF return straps 126 to provide an RF return path at the periphery of the substrate support 118.

[0019] The showerhead 106 is coupled to a backing plate 112 by a fastening mechanism 150. The showerhead 106 is coupled to the backing plate 112 by one or more fastening mechanisms 150 to help prevent sag and/or control the straightness/curvature of the showerhead 106.

[0020] A gas source 132 is coupled to the backing plate 112 to provide gas through gas passages in the showerhead 106 to a processing area between the showerhead 106 and the substrate 120. A vapor delivery system (VDS) 151 may be utilized to supply gas to the processing chamber 100 with or without going to a remote plasma power source 130. As a liquid delivery system utilized conventionally may sometimes supply a liquid precursor to the processing chamber 100 without sufficient evaporation, such incomplete evaporation of the liquid precursor may generate undesired bubbles when forming a film layer on the substrate 120. As such, by utilizing a vapor delivery system 151 when supplying a polymer/liquid based precursor to the processing chamber 100, the polymer/liquid based precursor may be more thoroughly evaporated prior to entering into the processing chamber 100, thus greater reducing the likelihood of bubble generation during a deposition process.

[0021] A vacuum pump 110 is coupled to the processing chamber 100 to maintain the process volume at a desired pressure. An RF source 128 is coupled through a match network 190 to the backing plate 112 and/or to the showerhead 106 to provide an RF current to the showerhead 106. The RF current creates an electric field between the showerhead 106 and the substrate support 118 so that a plasma may be generated from the gases between the showerhead 106 and the substrate support 118.

[0022] A remote plasma source 130, such as an inductively coupled remote plasma source 130, is coupled between the gas source 132 (through the vapor delivery system 151) and the backing plate 112. Between processing substrates, a cleaning gas may be provided to the remote plasma source 130 so that a remote plasma is generated. The radicals from the remote plasma may be provided to processing chamber 100 to clean chamber components. The cleaning gas may be further excited by the RF source 128 provided to the showerhead 106.

[0023] The showerhead 106 is additionally coupled to the backing plate 112 by showerhead suspension 134. In one embodiment, the showerhead suspension 134 is a flexible metal skirt. The showerhead suspension 134 may have a lip 136 upon which the showerhead 106 may rest. The backing plate 112 may rest on an upper surface of a ledge 114 coupled with the chamber walls 102 to seal the processing chamber 100.

[0024] FIG. 2 is a flow diagram of a method 200 for forming an encapsulating structure over an OLED device according to various embodiments of the disclosure. FIGS. 3A-3E illustrate schematic cross-sectional views of an OLED device during different stages of the method 200 of FIG. 2. The method 200 starts at process 202 by introducing a substrate 300 having a preformed OLED structure 304 disposed thereon into a processing chamber such as processing chamber 100. The substrate 300 may have a contact layer 302 disposed thereon, with the OLED structure 304 disposed on the contact layer 302, as shown in FIG. 3A.

[0025] At process 204, a mask 309 is aligned over the substrate 300 such that the OLED structure 304 is exposed through an opening 307 unprotected by the mask 309, as shown in FIG. 3A. The mask 309 is positioned such that a portion 305 of the contact layer 302 adjacent the OLED structure 304 is covered by the mask 309 so that any subsequently deposited material does not deposit on the portion 305. The portion 305 of the contact layer 302 is the electrical contact for the OLED device, thus no material may be deposited thereon. The mask 309 may be made from a metal material, such as INVAR®.

[0026] At process 206, a first barrier layer 308 is deposited on the substrate 300, as shown in FIG. 3A. The first barrier layer 308 has a first portion 308a and a second portion 308b and a thickness of between about 5000 Angstroms and about 10000 Angstroms. The first portion 308a of the first barrier layer 308 is deposited through the opening 307 onto a region of the substrate 300 exposed by the mask 309, which includes the OLED structure 304 and a portion of the contact layer 302. The second portion 308b of the first barrier layer 308 is deposited on the mask 309 covering a second region of the substrate 300, which includes the portion 305 of the contact layer 302. The first barrier layer 308 is a dielectric layer, such as silicon nitride (SiN), silicon oxynitride (SiON), silicon dioxide (SiO₂), aluminum oxide (Al₂O₃), aluminum nitride (AlN), or other suitable dielectric layers. In one embodiment, the first barrier layer 308 comprises silicon nitride. The first barrier layer 308 may be deposited by a suitable deposition technique, such as chemical vapor deposition (CVD), PECVD, physical vapor deposition (PVD), spin-coating, or other suitable technique. The first barrier layer 308 may be deposited by introducing a silicon containing precursor, such as silane, together with one or more nitrogen containing precursors, such as N₂ and NH₃, together with hydrogen.

[0027] At process 208, after the first barrier layer 308 is formed on the substrate 300, an optional buffer/adhesion layer 312 is then formed on the first barrier layer 308 on the substrate 300, as shown in FIG. 3B, to promote adhesion for the first barrier layer 308 to a subsequent layer (e.g., a buffer layer 314, which will be discussed later with reference to FIG. 3C) disposed thereon. A first portion 312a of the buffer/adhesion layer 312 is deposited on the substrate 300 through the opening 307 of the mask 309 on the region of the substrate 300 exposed by the mask 309, covering the first portion 308a of first barrier layer 308. A second portion 312b of the buffer

adhesion layer **312** is deposited on the second portion **308b** of the first barrier layer **308** disposed on the mask **309**, which covers the portion **305** of the contact layer **302**. The buffer adhesion layer **312** is deposited on the first barrier layer **308** within the same chamber that the first barrier layer **308** is formed. The buffer adhesion layer may **312** comprise a dielectric material such as silicon oxynitride or silicon nitride.

[0028] At process **210**, after depositing the buffer adhesion layer **312**, a buffer layer **314** is deposited on the buffer adhesion layer **312**, as shown in FIG. 3C. The buffer layer **314** may be fluorinated plasma-polymerized hexamethyldisiloxane (pp-HMDSO:F) deposited in a PECVD chamber, such as the processing chamber **100** depicted in FIG. 1. The buffer layer **314** has a thickness of between about 0.5 μm to about 5 μm . Deposition of the pp-HMDSO:F layer is achieved by flowing one or more fluorine-containing gases and a polymer gas, such as a HMDSO gas, along with either O_2 or N_2O gas in a first deposition gas mixture. The fluorine-containing gas may be nitrogen fluoride (NF_3), silicon fluoride (SiF_4), fluorine gas (F_2), carbon tetrafluoride (CF_4), or any combinations thereof. Fluorine doped plasma polymerized HMDSO layer has superior particle coverage performance and surface planarization effect. The buffer layer **314** has a fluorine content of less than 10 atomic percent.

[0029] During the deposition of the buffer layer **314** of a pp-HMDSO:F layer, the ratio of the flow rates of the fluorine-containing gas and the HMDSO gas supplied in the first deposition gas mixture may be between about 0.25 and about 1.5. If there is too much fluorine, the carbon in the HMDSO may be taken out. In one embodiment, the PECVD of the pp-HMDSO:F is performed under the following conditions. The SiF_4 has a flow rate of 125 standard cubic centimeters per minute (sccm) and HMDSO has a flow rate of 300 sccm. In other words, the ratio of SiF_4 to HMDSO is between about 0.40 to about 0.45. The RF source plasma is generated at between about 0.25 Watts/ cm^2 and about 0.5 Watts/ cm^2 , such as about 700 Watts, and the chamber pressure is about between about 1000 mTorr and about 2000 mTorr, such as 1800 mTorr. The PECVD is deposited at about 80 degrees Celsius and the distance between the substrate **300** and the showerhead **106** is about 650 mil.

[0030] In one specific example, the deposition process for forming the buffer layer **314** is performed by flowing the first deposition gas mixture including the silicon-carbon precursor, a polymer gas such as the HMDSO gas, at a flow rate per substrate surface area of between about 0.001375 sccm/ mm^2 and about 0.0016 sccm/ mm^2 , flowing the inert gas at between about 0.00095 sccm/ mm^2 and about 0.0011 sccm/ mm^2 , and flowing the fluorine precursor at a flow rate per substrate surface area of between about 0.0007 sccm/ mm^2 and about 0.000825 sccm/ mm^2 . The oxygen containing precursor flow rate per substrate surface area may be controlled at a flow rate between 0.001125 sccm/ mm^2 and about 0.001275 sccm/ mm^2 .

[0031] At process **212**, after the buffer layer **314** is formed, an interface layer **316** is then formed on the buffer layer **314**, as shown in FIG. 3D. Similarly, the interface layer **316** has a first portion **316a** formed on the first region of the substrate **300** and a second portion **316b** formed on the second region of the substrate **302**.

[0032] It is believed that when depositing the buffer layer **314** at process **210**, the HMDSO is initially a liquid precursor that is generally vaporized prior to entering into the processing chamber **100**. However, in some examples, insufficient

evaporation of the liquid precursor may result in bubbles on the surface of the resultant buffer layer **314**, thus creating interface defects. It is found that these bubbles are un-fluorinated HMDSO droplets which may be caused by insufficient evaporation of the HMDSO or undesired nucleated HMDSO vapor droplets. These bubbles may lead to delamination on the surface of the buffer layer **314** and eventually result in device failure. To prevent formation of the undesired bubbles, the interface layer **316** may be formed on the buffer layer **314** to eliminate the likelihood of forming bubbles on the surface of the buffer layer **314**.

[0033] In one example, the interface layer **316** may be formed in the same chamber wherein the buffer layer **314** is formed but without fluorine containing gas supplied in the first deposition gas mixture. It is believed that the substantially fluorine-eliminated or fluorine free interface layer **316** may assist providing a more well-reacted pp-HMDSO film bonding structure at the interface on the buffer layer **314**, so as to eliminate formation of the premature nucleation HMDSO vapor droplets, so that the likelihood of forming bubbles on the surface of the buffer layer **314** may be eliminated.

[0034] When forming the fluorine-eliminated or fluorine free HMDSO layer for the interface layer **316**, the fluorine containing gas supplied in the first deposition gas mixture may be eliminated and instead supplying a second gas mixture substantially without fluorine containing gas. The process **210** and process **212** for forming the buffer layer **314** and the interface layer **316** may be continuously formed in the same chamber without breaking vacuum. After the first gas mixture is supplied in the processing chamber **100** to form the buffer layer **314**, the second gas mixture is then continuously supplied in the same processing chamber **100** to form the interface layer **316**. In other words, the process including forming the buffer layer **314** and the interface layer **316** may be a two step depositing process for a first step supplying the first gas mixture with fluorine containing gas and a second step supplying the second gas mixture without fluorine containing gas. In some examples, the flow rate of HMDSO gas, the oxygen containing gas or the inert gas may be collectively or individually reduced or increased when transitioned from the first gas mixture to the second gas mixture. For example, the flow rate of the HMDSO gas may be dropped about 30 percent to 60 percent from the first deposition gas mixture to the second gas mixture. The oxygen containing gas and the inert gas may be supplied substantially the same or varied in any ratio as needed during the transition.

[0035] Other process parameters, such as RF power, gas process, spacing may be kept the same or varied as needed. In one example, the deposition process for forming the interface layer **316** may be performed for between about 30 seconds and about 60 seconds, such as about 40 seconds for a thickness of between about 200 nm and about 500 nm.

[0036] In another example, the interface layer **316** may be formed as a gradient film by gradually turning down/off the fluorine containing gas when transition from the first gas mixture to the second gas mixture. Gradual turn-down, instead of a sudden shut-off, of the fluorine containing gas may form a gradient layer as the interface layer **316** that has a good film bridging capability to the underlying buffer layer **314**.

[0037] When starting to supplying the second gas mixture for forming the interface layer **316**, the fluorine-containing gas is then gradually turned down/off after the buffer layer **314** of pp-HMDSO:F film layer has reached to a predeter-

mined thickness. For example, the process parameters for forming the buffer layer **314** may keep steady until the thickness of the buffer layer **314** has reached to its target thickness. Subsequently, the fluorine-containing gas supplied in the first gas mixture may be gradually turned down, commencing the second gas mixture for forming the interface layer **316** with gradually diminished fluorine concentration in the resultant pp-HMDSO film. As such, the interface layer **316** is formed as a gradient film that has the fluorine element concentration gradually fade-out until or prior to the completion of the interface layer deposition process.

[0038] It is believed that by forming a gradient film for the interface layer **316**, the substantially fluorine-eliminated or fluorine-free interface layer **316** as obtained may assist providing a more well-reacted pp-HMDSO film bonding structure at the interface, so as to eliminate formation of the nucleation HMDSO vapor droplets, so that the likelihood of forming bubbles on the surface of the buffer layer **314** may be eliminated.

[0039] In one example, the fluorine containing precursor flow rate per substrate surface area in the second deposition gas mixture changes throughout the deposition of the interface layer **316** by incrementally decreasing from about 0.0025 sccm/mm² to zero in 0.0005 sccm/mm² increments every 2-4 seconds. In another example, the flow rate of the fluorine containing precursor may be incrementally reduced at a predetermined time period and is completely turned off at least 5 seconds prior to completion of the deposition of the interface layer **316**. By doing so, a top portion of the interface layer **310** only contains HMDSO material without fluorine elements.

[0040] Furthermore, in addition to forming the interface layer **316** to eliminate bubble, the utilization of the vapor delivery system (VDS) **151** depicted in FIG. 1 may also efficiently reduce likelihood of forming bubbles on the buffer layer **314**. As discussed above, the vapor delivery system (VDS) **151** may assist vaporizing the liquid precursor in vapor phase prior to entering to the processing chamber **100** to as to eliminate likelihood of forming bubbles.

[0041] At process **214**, after forming the interface layer **316**, a second barrier layer **318** may be formed on the interface layer **316**, as shown in FIG. 3E. In some examples, an optional stress reduction layer **317** may be formed on the interface layer **316** prior to forming the second barrier layer **318**. It is believed that the optional stress reduction layer **317** formed in the film stack may improve light transmission and the film stack transparency. In some situations, poor transmission may be found without utilization of the optional stress reduction layer **317**. It is believed that the nature film property of having compressive stress of the second barrier layer **318** may affect the transmission of the light passing therethrough. To promote good optical transmittance (i.e., transmittance of greater than 90 percent), the optional stress reduction layer **317** on the interface layer **316** prior to the second barrier layer **318** as needed. The stress reduction layer **316** may comprise a dielectric material such as silicon oxynitride and be formed by introducing a silicon containing precursor, a nitrogen containing precursor, and oxygen containing precursor and hydrogen. The stress reduction layer **317** will have a slight tensile stress to counteract the compressive stress of the second barrier layer **318**. The stress reduction layer **317** includes a first portion **317a** deposited over the first

portion **314a** of the buffer layer **314** and a second portion **317b** deposited over the second portion **314b** of the buffer layer **314**.

[0042] In one example, the second barrier layer **318** is formed over the substrate **300**, covering the stress reduction layer **317**, as shown in FIG. 3E. The second barrier layer **318** includes a first portion **318a** deposited over the first portion **317a** of the stress reduction layer **317** and a second portion **318b** deposited over the second portion **317b** of the stress reduction layer **317**. The second barrier layer **318** may have a thickness of between about 5000 Angstroms and about 10000 Angstroms.

[0043] The second barrier layer **318** may be a dielectric layer similar to the first barrier layer **308**. The second barrier layer **318** is a dielectric layer such as SiN, SiON, SiO₂, or other suitable dielectric layers. In one embodiment, the second barrier layer **318** comprises silicon nitride. The second barrier layer **318** may be deposited by a suitable deposition technique, such as CVD, PVD, spin-coating, or other suitable technique.

[0044] The deposition of the first barrier layer, the buffer adhesion layer, the buffer layer, the interface layer, the stress reduction layer and the second barrier layer as described herein may be performed in a single deposition chamber, such as PECVD processing chamber **100**. Purging of the process chamber may be performed between cycles to minimize the risk of contamination. The single chamber process may be advantageous in reducing cycle times as well as reducing the number of chambers (and equipment costs) of using a multiple chamber process. It is noted that first barrier layer, the buffer adhesion layer, the buffer layer, the interface layer, the stress reduction layer and the second barrier layer may be in whole or partially formed in different chambers or in any configurations or any combinations as needed.

[0045] In summary, an OLED device is formed with a buffer layer and an interface layer sandwiched between two barrier layers. The buffer layer is fluorine containing HMDSO layer (e.g., HMDSO:F) formed over a first barrier layer with a fluorine-containing plasma while the interface layer formed on the buffer layer may be a fluorine free HMDSO layer or a gradient HMDSO layer with varying or gradually diminished fluorine concentration. A second barrier layer is formed over the interface layer. Although one example depicted here includes a buffer layer and an interface layer sandwiched between two barrier layers, it is noted that single or multiple buffer layers with single or multiple interface layers may be formed between the barrier layers. For example, alternating repeated pairs of buffer layer and interface layer, a composite film stack including a buffer layer, a gradient buffer layer, and interface layer, or a composite film stack including more than one buffer layer and/or more than interface layer, or film stack with any combinations including additional layers suitable to be inserted between the two barrier layers, may be utilized to form the OLED device with desired encapsulation.

[0046] While the foregoing is directed to embodiments of the present disclosure, other and further embodiments of the disclosure may be devised without departing from the basic scope thereof, and the scope thereof is determined by the claims that follow.

1. A method for forming an encapsulating structure on an organic light emitting diode (OLED) device, comprising:
depositing a first barrier layer on a region of a substrate having an OLED structure disposed thereon;

depositing a buffer layer with a fluorine-containing plasma formed from a first gas mixture containing a polymer gas precursor and a fluorine containing gas on the first barrier layer;

depositing an interface layer on the buffer layer with a second gas mixture containing the polymer gas precursor; and

depositing a second barrier layer on the interface layer.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein depositing the interface layer further comprises:

gradually reducing an amount of the fluorine containing gas supplied in the second gas mixture.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

forming the interface layer with a gradient fluorine concentration.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein depositing the interface layer further comprises:

forming the interface layer as a substantially fluorine element free layer.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein forming the interface layer further comprises:

terminating supply of the fluorine containing gas in the second gas mixture to form the interface layer.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the buffer layer comprises fluorinated plasma-polymerized hexamethyldisiloxane (pp-HMDSO:F).

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the polymer gas precursor supplied in the first and the second gas mixture is HMDSO gas.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing gas is selected from the group consisting of NF_3 , SiF_4 , F_2 , CF_4 , and combinations thereof.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing gas and HMDSO gas supplied in the first gas mixture has a flow rate ratio between about 0.25 and about 1.5.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the single process chamber is a PECVD chamber.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the buffer layer and the interface layer are formed in a single processing chamber.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface layer has a thickness of about 10 percent of a thickness of the buffer layer.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the polymer gas precursor supplied in the second gas mixture has a flow rate about 30 percent to 60 percent lower than that of supplied in the first gas mixture.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

depositing a stress reduction layer between the interface layer and the second barrier layer.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the stress reduction layer is comprises silicon oxynitride.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein the first and second barrier layers comprises silicon nitride.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the polymer gas precursor is supplied to a processing chamber for depositing the buffer layer and the interface layer through a vapor delivery system coupled to the processing chamber.

18. A method for forming an encapsulating structure on an organic light emitting diode (OLED) device, comprising:

supplying a first gas mixture including a HMDSO gas and a fluorine containing gas in a processing chamber to form a buffer layer on a region of a substrate having an OLED structure disposed thereon; and

supplying a second gas mixture including the HMDSO gas without the fluorine containing gas or with a diminished flow rate of the fluorine containing gas in the same processing chamber to form an interface layer on the buffer layer.

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摘要(译)

描述了用于形成OLED器件的方法。在OLED结构上沉积具有有机缓冲层和设置在夹在阻挡层之间的有机缓冲层上的界面层的封装结构。在一个示例中，该方法包括在其上设置有OLED结构的基板的区域上沉积第一阻挡层，沉积具有由含有聚合物气体前体和含氟的第一气体混合物形成的含氟等离子体的缓冲层在第一阻挡层上的气体，用包含聚合物气体前体的第二气体混合物在缓冲层上沉积界面层，并在界面层上沉积第二阻挡层。

first barrier layer on a region of a substrate having an OLED structure disposed thereon, depositing a buffer layer with a fluorine-containing plasma formed from a first gas mixture containing a polymer gas precursor and a fluorine containing